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Diocese responds to Attorney General investigation

KALAMAZOO, Mich.: (September 21, 2018): Today the Michigan Attorney General's office announced its investigation into the handling of clergy sex abuse cases by the Catholic Church in the seven dioceses of Michigan. The Diocese of Kalamazoo will fully cooperate with the investigation and released the following statement:

"The Diocese of Kalamazoo welcomes the opportunity to cooperate with the Attorney General's Office as they look further into the handling of allegations of sexual abuse within the Catholic Church. As we detailed in our [A Plan to Protect](#), announced by Bishop Bradley on September 14, we are committed to taking additional measures to ensure the protection of all people even as we do all that we can to support and care for the well-being of all survivors of clergy sexual abuse. Our local extensive efforts to provide safe environments has included the training of more than 20,000 people since 2002 which includes all clergy, diocesan and parish employees and volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults to recognize predatory behavior.

"We understand the need to be proactive in our work and in providing information and have recently launched a dedicated website to this issue: www.protect.diokzoo.org. Additionally, we look forward to learning from the Attorney General's investigation any information that will be beneficial in our shared desire to bring justice and healing to all victims of abuse and to implement safeguards that are successful in eradicating any occurrences of wrongdoing. As a Church we continue to unite our prayers for all victims and invite Catholics to come together at one of the three planned Masses of Reparation and Healing scheduled in the coming weeks."